

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 17th April 1998

Many of the People of the Book wish you from their self-generated envy that after you have believed, they could turn you again into disbelievers even though truth has become manifest to them. But disregard and turn away till Allah brings about His decree. Surely Allah has the power to do all that He wills.

The Holy Quran. al-Baqarah [The Heifer]: 110.

The desire mentioned of أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ [‘Many of the People of the Book’] aptly applies to the situation of the Ahmadiyya Community of today. In this case People of the Book here means other Muslims who proudly claim to be People of the Book but say to the Ahmadis that ‘You are outside of it’. Here the word كُفَّارٍ [‘disbelievers’] discloses their false logic. They do not wish you to believe in the Quranic reality of faith. They want you to stop studying, to indulge in misdeeds like themselves so that their wish comes to fruition. حَسَدًا مِّنْ عِندِ أَنْفُسِهِمْ [‘from their self-generated envy’] reveals that they themselves give birth to this envy otherwise whatever is flourishing is the faith in God; it is the message of Muhammad the chosen Prophet which spreads. When the message is fully rooted on piety and the Quran it is apparent that their envy has no cause. Anger rises from within themselves which eats away at them. مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الْحَقُّ [‘even though truth has become manifest to them’] reveals that they recognise that it is the truth and harbour this desire out of sheer envy.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) says ‘No calamity or grief comes without the will of Allah the Almighty and it comes when Allah the Almighty is disobeyed and opposed.’ If you are firm upon the truth and befallen by grief then Allah the Almighty would recompense it immensely. But there is one grief which comes due to disobeying and opposing Almighty God. A refined faith is required to be protected from these ‘Allah bears the grief of one who bears grief for the sake of God and never combines 2 troubles to bear upon him’.

The opponents are extremely perturbed at the success and the spread of the *Jamat* and they are on fire at the continual success of the *Jamat* that never lets go of the hem of loyalty. His Holiness the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) says that:

In fact no nation or community can be formed until it bears an essence of such fervency and devotion to obeying and following their Imam.¹

This is the subject that has opened the gates of envy. Allah the Almighty states in another verse of Surah al-Baqarah [(106)]:

Those who disbelieve [in our Messenger] among the People of the Book or among the polytheists desire not that anything good [and bountiful] should be sent down to you from your Lord; but Allah chooses the recipients of His grace as He pleases; for Allah is of exceedingly bountiful.

¹ Ahmad, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam. Address to the Farewell Jalsa, November 1899. *Malfuzat: i.* 224.

The manoeuvres beginning in the whole world today against the *Jamat* are purely out of envy and we are not to stop growing because of their envy. How can we help these people who are being consumed in their fire that is within them? Allah chooses whoever He wills for His grace and nothing but failure is destined for whoever He rejects.

The teachings of Muhammad the Holy Messenger of Allah which the Promised Messiah wishes to channel into his *Jamat* have left your Society. Do you not see that you are avenging a *Jamat* that obeys the sayings of Muhammad the Holy Messenger of Allah and the proof that you can never affiliate with Muhammad the Holy Messenger of Allah is that you have become evil. Having come together in a couple of countries you presume that you are very strong. However what is your strength but in evil and corruption? What other sun do you want to see rise in support of Ahmadiyya?

Narrated Abu Hurayrah: The Prophet ﷺ said 'Avoid envy, for envy devours good deeds just as fire devours fuel or grass.'²

I advise the members of the *Jamat* to avoid mutual envy. I am concerned that there are many in the *Jamat* who are jealous of the qualities of others which they do not themselves possess. They are envious of the positions granted to others for which they have not the fortune. Those who are envious of each other are in danger of losing their faith too. I am warning you of this slow and gradual sliding away.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) states that '*The envious person murders their moral powers.*' May Allah the Allah the Almighty enable us to show an example of a community of the faithful who prove a mark of the oneness of Allah throughout the whole world. It is spiritual [form of] leprosy when people expresses pain rather than pleasure at the piety of another. May Allah the Almighty save us from this type of spiritual leprosy and instead of envy grant us pride. In pride there is a vying in going further in piety.

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² Abu Dāūd, Sulayman ibn al-Ashath. *Sunan Abu Dāūd*. Also ibn Majah, Abū Abdillāh Muḥammad. *Sunan ibn Majah*.